

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 66, 67, 68, 71, 73-75, 77-85, and 86-88 are pending in this application. Claims 5, 10, 12, 16, 26-31, 37, 41, 45, 49, 52, 56, 60, 63, 69, 70, 72, and 76 have been cancelled.

The Office Action asserts that there are multiple distinct inventions: claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 13-15, 17-25, 32-36, 38-40, 42-44, 46-48, 50, 51, 53-55, 57-59, 61, 62, and 64-67 (Group I), claims 68 and 71 (Group II), claims 73-75 and 77-85 (Group III), and claims 86-88 (Group IV). Specifically the Office Action asserts that Groups I-IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because Groups I-IV lack the same or corresponding special technical features. However, the products of Group I and the methods Group II, III, and IV are linked by common structural features recited within claim 1, formula I. Furthermore, the Applicant asserts that it would not be a serious burden on the Examiner to search the compositions recited in claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 13-15, 17-25, 32-36, 38-40, 42-44, 46-48, 50, 51, 53-55, 57-59, 61, 62, and 64-67 and the methods recited in claims 68, 71, 73-75, 77-85, and 86-88. However, if the Examiner is not persuaded by the arguments presented above, the Applicant elects with traverse claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 13-15, 17-25, 32-36, 38-40, 42-44, 46-48, 50, 51, 53-55, 57-59, 61, 62, and 64-67 (Group I).

The Office Action has requested a single species be selected. Although the Applicant asserts that it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to search each species recited in Group I, the Applicant elects with traverse the species found in Table 1, page 5, second column

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of the published application, sixth compound from the top. Claims 1,2,8 and 66 read upon the elected species.

The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

The fee of \$60.00 has been filed electronically. No further fee is believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1513.

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